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21 March 1966

ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Economic Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT: 25X1C
Discontinuation of the Standing EIC Working Group
[REDACTED]
Recommendation for

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[REDACTED]

2. In Washington, the predecessor organization to the USIB assigned to CIA the responsibility for coordinating U.S. participation in the Program. In January 1953, the Director of Central Intelligence designated the Assistant Director for Research and Reports and Chairman of the EIC, to administer the Program on his behalf. Responsibility for development and coordination of [REDACTED] activities was assigned by the Chairman of the EIC to a working group under the auspices of its Subcommittee on Requirements. In May 1963, the Subcommittee was abolished and the group was established as a Standing Working Group with direct responsibility to the EIC for its activities. 25X1C

3. In June 1963, the Collection Guidance Staff was established within the Directorate of Intelligence, CIA. Within this Staff, the Human Resources Group was charged with the responsibility for providing the Deputy Director for Intelligence, CIA, with current and long-range guidance affecting collection and exploitation of information by human sources, [REDACTED] 25X1C

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and for providing



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the Secretariat for the Washington Coordinator [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In March 1965, responsibility for administering the Program was transferred by the Director of Central Intelligence from the Office of Research and Reports to the Chief, Collection Guidance Staff.

4. Although CIA continues to be responsible for coordination of U.S. participation in the Program, the current emphasis of Program activity is mainly in the military field of intelligence. Of the U.S. Departments and Agencies participating in the Program, the Defense Intelligence Agency has become the major contributor of U.S. requirements and is the largest consumer [REDACTED] In addition, the DIA is heavily committed to provide supporting collection guidance materials for the Program.

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5. In view of the changed nature of the Program, it no longer seems appropriate to carry on its coordination within the EIC structure. It is recommended, therefore, that the Committee discontinue the EIC Standing Working Group [REDACTED]

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6. The Chairman, EIC, could make recommendations to the Director of Intelligence Support, CIA, that

"bilateral liaison has proved efficient and there is no longer any need for a working group on [REDACTED]" or

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"EIC members request the cooperation of their respective Departments and Agencies in supporting the establishment outside the EIC structure of an inter-agency group on the [REDACTED] The Washington Coordinator and Chairman of the present Working Group would take steps to organize a successor group.

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7. Please be prepared to discuss and act upon this proposal at the forthcoming meeting on 30 March 1966.

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Chairman

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